

# Crystal Cave Rocks!



Explore fabulous cave formations! ©NPS

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1-1/2 hours in advance of your tour.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance on Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree (see map on page 12). Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m).

Use restrooms at the parking lot; there are none at the cave. Wear sturdy shoes; the 1/2-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep. Bring a jacket; the cave is 50°F (10°C). No strollers, baby backpacks, or tripods. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about **Wild Cave Tours and group reservations!** Tours operated by SNHA: 1-559-565-3759.

## 45-minute cave tours (check details above)

Daily on the half hour, 10:30am - 4:30pm; additional tours at 10am & 5pm on Saturday & holidays. Extra tours may be added. See SNHA insert in this paper for fee information.

## 1-1/2 hour Discovery Tours

6/24 -9/1 at 4:15pm Monday through Friday. Try an in-depth, 1-1/2 hour tour of this amazing cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up. Fee: \$18.95 each (\$17.95 seniors, \$16.95 SNHA members).

## CELEBRATE SEQUOIAS!

The 8th Annual Celebrate Sequoias Festival returns to Grant Grove Village on September 9, 2006. Enjoy walks to less-visited groves, music, arts and crafts, kid's activities, and talking to experts about the awesome giant sequoias.



# Activities

**WALKS & TALKS** Free ranger-led walks or talks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Wuksachi, Grant Grove, Cedar Grove, & the Foothills. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers to see what is scheduled. Pages 8 & 9 have more details, or ask a ranger.

**VISITOR CENTERS** Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. They also sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, & other items. Remember: All your purchases at visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8 & 9 for hours and locations.

## TEACHERS: BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS!

Rangers offer fun, curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 6<sup>th</sup>-grade classes in spring & fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, & other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date for your class, call 1-559-565-4303.

## FIELD CLASSES & SEMINARS

See the exciting list of options for you on the back of the Sequoia Natural History Association insert found in this paper.

## JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

People of all ages earn a patch while learning to protect resources. Those 5 to 8 years old earn the Jay Award. If you are 9 to 12 years old, work for a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn a Senior patch! Purchase a Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center. Follow the instructions & have fun!

*Hey kids-  
Bring your family to Beetle  
Rock Nature Center & receive  
a free sticker (one per kid)!*

*Open daily July 1 through August 20,  
10 am to 4 pm. See page 9 "Nature  
Programs" for more details. Stop by!*



# WHERE CAN I...

*You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest (USFS). Some activities may be illegal in the Park but legal in the Forest. See page 2 to learn more, and use a map to know where you are!*

- **WALK A PET?** *In Parks:* Not on trails but it's ok in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). *In National Forest:* Pets can go on trails. *In both areas:* Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don't leave pets in hot cars.
- **FEED WILDLIFE?** *Not in either area!* Animals become unnaturally dependent. Some can be dangerous and may have to be killed. Some can carry disease. Roadside beggars get hit by cars.

- **GO CAMPING?** *In Parks:* Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. *In National Forest:* In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road & no further.
- **HAVE A FIRE?** *In Parks:* Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. *In National Forest:* Fire permits are required outside picnic area grills & campgrounds. Get one at Grant Grove Visitor Center or the USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.
- **COLLECT THINGS?** *Not in Parks:* Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. *In National Forest:* Gathering a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. *In both areas:* Archeological sites & artifacts are protected by law.
- **DRIVE OFF-ROAD?** *Not in either area.* Stay on roads.

- **CUT WOOD?** *Not in the Parks.* *In National Forest:* Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit & guidelines: 559-338-2251.
- **GO FISHING?** *In both areas:* Permitted during the season; a California fishing license is required for ages 16 & up. Get copies of park-specific regulations at any visitor center.
- **RIDE A BICYCLE?** *In Parks:* Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail. *In National Forest:* Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. *In both areas:* Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People under 18 must wear a helmet.
- **GO PICNICKING?** See picnic symbols on map (back page). Never leave food unattended! Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills & Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Grizzly Falls, Halstead, & Powdercan.

Note: Big Stump Picnic Area in the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park is temporarily closed while serving as the park entrance station. The original station had to be moved due to a dangerously leaning sequoia. Ask at visitor centers for details.

## • RIDE HORSEBACK

Rides by-the-hour, backcountry spot trips, & guides.

### Cedar Grove

1-559-565-3464 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season

### Grant Grove

1-559-335-9292 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season

Horse Corral (at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest south of Grant Grove)

1-559-565-3404 summer  
1-559-564-6429 off season  
1-559-679-3573 cell

Mineral King - closed.

1-559-565-3103